



Northbridge Public Schools

Northbridge School Committee

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Michael Alden, Bethany Cammarano, Brian Paulhus

Northbridge Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 11th, 2018 7:00 PM Northbridge High School Media Center

I. Call to Order (7:00)

II. Attendance

Mike LeBrasseur	Present
Brian Paulhus	Present
Joseph Strazzulla	Present
Michael Alden	Present
Bethany Cammarano	Absent

Also in attendance were Superintendent Catherine Stickney, Director of Business and Finance Melissa Walker and Student Representative Wesley Mawn.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Statement of Mission

V. Public Comment

Tim Labrie, a Northbridge resident, thanked the committee for all that they have done and congratulated them in regards to the new Balmer School. Timothy Labrie spoke to the committee about the condition of Lasell Fields and its placement on the Capital Plan.

V. Recognitions

Catherine Stickney recognized the 2019 John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Recipients.

VI. Student Representative Report

Things are still going well here at NHS. This month, seniors began receiving letters of acceptance to schools all over the country. As school admission deadlines begin to close, students can let out a sigh of relief. Student Council's window painting went extremely well, and now the town's local businesses are covered in holiday cheer. I'm sure the members of the committee saw on their way in, but the lobby has also been decorated for Christmas and Hanukkah. The music department will be hosting their winter concert on Wednesday, Dec. 19th showing off the talented students of the band, chorus, and a Capella

choir. The drama club is continuing to prepare for Mamma Mia in February. Last night, Dr. Stickney hosted an informational meeting for the families of students attending the trip to Europe in April. This meeting was to make sure the students are prepared for departure. Last Monday, students of the Senior Class who scored high enough on the MCAS to earn the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship were honored at a breakfast. If admitted, these students will receive free tuition to a Massachusetts state school. The countdown to winter break is nearing the end; students are continuing to work diligently on their schoolwork, after school clubs and sports. And for the seniors in the room, t-minus 170 days until graduation.

VII. Consent Agenda

- a. School Committee Meeting Minutes from November 27, 2018
- b. Warrant 39-20s 11/15/18 \$256,213.77
- c. Warrant 39-22s 11/29/18 \$215,128.91

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to accept the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Michael Alden	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Absent

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.

VIII. Action:

- a. Senior Class Trip

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve the Senior Class Trip. The motion was seconded by Michael Alden. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Michael Alden	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Absent

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.

b. Policy Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster Care (JFABF)

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve Policy JFABF- Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster Care. The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Michael Alden	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Absent

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.

c. Policy Revision Minutes (BEDG)

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve Policy BEDG- Policy Revision Minutes. The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Michael Alden	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Absent

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.

d. Special Education Staffing Requests

A motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to approve the Special Education Staffing Requests- To hire a School Psychologist to support the therapeutic programs at NMS and NHS and to convert a HS Instructional Assistant to Behavior Technician position. The motion was seconded by Michael Alden. The vote was taken by roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur	Yes
Brian Paulhus	Yes
Joseph Strazzulla	Yes
Michael Alden	Yes
Bethany Cammarano	Absent

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.

IX. Discussion:

d. School News and Updates- Facilities- Current Capital Projects

Richard Maglione shared updates to the Committee in regards to the Capital Projects.

e. Wellness Committee update/Health Report/YRBS

Lori Johnson shared a Wellness Committee update with the committee and discussed the health survey that will take place around March.

f. Revolver Fund Balance Transfers

Melissa Walker discussed two revolver fund transfers. One transfer is a line item transfer of \$10,089.31 to be made from Balmer After School Revolver to the Middle School After School Revolver and a line item transfer of \$328.89 to be made from School Choice Revolver to the Bike Rodeo Donation Account.

d. FY19 Indirect Costs

Melissa Walker discussed the FY19 Indirect Costs.

X. Presentation

Aramark presented their Annual Report to the Committee.

XI. School Committee Individual Comments

Joseph Strazzulla wanted to thank the Superintendent and Mr. McCormick for all of the work with the EdHub at the Linwood Mill. He asked that they share updates with the committee and stated that this is a huge opportunity for this district and surrounding towns. The next SBC meeting will take place on 12/18 at 6pm.

Michael LeBrasseur- Echoed Joseph's comments regarding the visit. Michael also wanted to recognize Timothy Labrie's comments and had a similar experience on the field. It is something to look into and will be a discussion item next meeting.

Catherine Stickney- Wednesday and Thursday MS Band/Chorus Holidays concerts will take place.

XII. Adjournment (8:07 P.M.)

The motion was made by Joseph Strazzulla to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm. The motion was seconded by Brian Paulhus. A vote was taken by roll call and the following votes were recorded:

Mike LeBrasseur Present

Brian Paulhus Present

Joseph Strazzulla Present

Michael Alden Present

Bethany Cammarano Absent

4 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

The motion was accepted with a roll call vote of 4-0.